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## THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

## WHY THIS FAILURE?

ON Saturday, August 30, the Monongahela Valley Traction company issued a formal statement, the important points of which were set forth in the following language:

The Monongahela Valley Traction company has succeeded in closing contracts for the purchase of more than a billion cubic feet of natural gas for the year beginning September 1st.

With the supply of gas purchased, the gas produced from the company's own wells and the gas obtained from leased wells the company will have available for distribution to its consumers during the coming year in excess of three billion cubic feet, or a daily supply during the winter months of more than ten million cubic feet. The additional supply of gas purchased will make it possible for the company to give to all its consumers a full and ample supply.

This announcement is made in order to set at rest any feeling of uncertainty among our consumers as to the gas supply for the coming winter.

Accepting that in good faith the industrial consumers in Fairmont consented to a substantial increase in the rates for gas. But yesterday the supply was shut off from all plants supplied by the Monongahela Valley Traction company and there was low pressure for household consumers. What is the matter?

If the companies which agreed to sell gas to the local company have repudiated their contracts the people of Fairmont and of the surrounding territory are entitled to be told about it. If, on the other hand, the gas companies stand ready to deliver all the gas the local company contracted for but it is not in position to handle all that the community needs when the temperature gets down to zero the community likewise is entitled to know that.

In a business way Fairmont has been severely injured by the gas shortages. Manufacturing concerns have made considerable sacrifices in an effort to help bring the fuel uncertainties to an end and it is profoundly discouraging to find that after all they have done they are practically back where they started last summer.

## ROOSEVELT AND THE HARD COAL STRIKE.

THE late Theodore Roosevelt was very many sided, but he told a lot of truth about himself when he said in a letter to a New York state politician that he was a practical man. And he never was more practical than

when he set about to bring to an end the great hard coal strike of 1902, assuming that the letters given in the sixth installment of the correspondence of the late president prepared for Scribner's Magazine by Joseph Bucklin Bishop tell the whole story of that epoch-making interference of the federal government.

Roosevelt kept his eyes steadily upon the part the public was playing in that memorable affair with a glance now and then at the effect of the lawlessness that was growing greater as the struggle between the miners and the operators drew out and became more bitter. He finally made up his mind what he wanted to do, and what was of just as much importance, he was equal to finding a way to do it. Coming at this late day the disclosure of the deal with Quay regarding the orders to the Governor of Pennsylvania to run up the white flag, so to speak, may jolt some of the Colonel's admirers, but he never denied these affairs when they came to the surface during his active career. He was a practical man, as he said himself, and he had sense enough to know that he had to deal with the questions of the day with the tools that the day provided.

He got along very well with Matt Quay, also with Tom Platt, the easy boss of New York state, and with Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, and the other hard shelled outfit of New England. He even managed to stomach the unsavory Gas Addicks, of Delaware, and he never made any particular attempt to conceal the fact that he was dealing with them. He always contended, however, that his purposes were of the purest, and upon whether or not his record in that respect can stand the scrutiny of the scientific historians will depend his final place in our history.

Lawyers will always contend that what Roosevelt actually did in the hard coal strike was extra constitutional. But it does not get anywhere to waste words about such a matter now. What he planned to do in the event his program for a strike commission did not go through would have been even a wider departure from the strict letter of the law, but who can now doubt that it would have been accepted? That what Col. Roosevelt actually did established precedents which have since been making trouble is also a matter that is no longer open to discussion. The rights of the general public to the protection of the strong arm of the government at a time of great industrial disturbance was bound to be recognized some time, and Roosevelt understood the temper of the American people well enough to know that he was on firm ground when he elected to place the public ahead of either the hard coal operators or the mine workers whose organization had the coal region tied up as tightly as the operators had.

Doubtless the radical members of the United Mine Workers who yesterday in the Columbus convention gave voice to the opinion that the international officers of the organization should have gone to jail and permitted Judge Anderson and the government to get along as best they could with the coal strike situation feel that going to jail is just one of the routine duties of men who accept such offices from the union, but they overlook the fact that the immediate effect of such a course of action would have been to place the Mine Workers in direct conflict with the government. There is not the slightest doubt of what the outcome would be of such a situation. It has taken the miners of the country almost 40 years to build up the organization. If it ever becomes so rash as to defy the might of the government it will be torn down and utterly destroyed in less than a week. And then the miners would have to begin at the beginning and build all over again.

According to a dispatch from Indianapolis a bulletin has been issued by the state organization of the Legion in that state instructing members not to oppose German opera and Hungarian music where the spirit, language and personnel are truly American. German opera in the English language is not going to be much of a drawing card from a box office standpoint, but this attitude nevertheless is a step in the right direction.

Counsel for the brewers intimated yesterday that the fight on the 2.75 per cent beer was not ended by the Supreme court decision of yesterday. They say that this decision merely settles the matter as far as the war time prohibition act applies to it, and that they will now test out constitutional prohibition along the same line. Wonder if that is just the result of irritation natural after a defeat or is an indication that the lawyers are unwilling to drop such a promising source of revenue as the embattled brewers of the nation?

Of course there is a lot of trouble with plumbing throughout the city these cold days. Fairmont plumbing as a general rule is not at all suited to the severities of the climate we have. People who are going to build during the coming year, and it is probable that the volume of building for private account will be larger in 1920 than for many years, will do well to pay particular attention to the plumbing. And they ought to install coal burning furnaces in the cellars. That has a tendency to preserve the plumbing from the wrecking tendencies of Jack Frost.

Governor Lowden, who was the first Republican candidate questioned on the League of Nations by Senator Borah, has replied that while the league is not what he would like to have it, he is for it nevertheless. It is among the possibilities that Borah, who set out to terrorize Republican candidates into taking a position in opposition to the league, will end in making it clear that public opinion is strongly in its favor.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)

WELL, THEN, IF YOU WANT TO GO TO THE MOVIES AND I WANT TO STAY HOME AND READ, LET'S TOSS UP A COIN— "HEADS" WE STAY AT HOME. "TAILS" WE GO TO THE MOVIES.

ALL RIGHT.

AHA! IT'S "HEADS"!— WE STAY AT HOME!!!

OH, WELL, WE'LL GO ANYHOW—I DON'T BELIEVE IN GAMES OF CHANCE!

Albert Seaman No Longer a Deputy

### Evangelistic Program.

The evening themes at the Evangelistic service at the Baptist church this week follow: This Tuesday, "Chased by the Devil's Bloodhounds," Wednesday, "How Far From Manington to Hell," Thursday, "The Biggest Hypocrite in Manington," Friday, "The Meanest Man in Manington," Services begin at 7:30. The afternoon themes are as follows: Wednesday, "The Faith for Prayer," Thursday, "The Answer to Prayer," Friday, "The Power for Prayer." The afternoon meetings are from 2:30 till 3:30.

### To South America.

Gail Ferrell, who recently returned from India, where he was engaged in oil well drilling, will leave soon for South America, spending a short time there and calling from that continent for India, where he will resume drilling. Mr. Ferrell has many interesting experiences to relate concerning oil producing methods and customs in India.

### Improves.

Mrs. J. C. McClellan who has been severely ill at her home in Clarksburg street, and who was believed to have pneumonia is now somewhat improved.

### Personals.

Miss Brookline Robinson will return to Phillips tomorrow, where she is a student at Broadus Institute after a holiday visit with her father Nelson Robinson here.  
Flem O. Atha has returned from a business visit in Columbus.  
Miss Grace Scott of the high school is expected here after a visit with relatives at Homer City, Pa.  
The Misses Jean and Bettie Basnet are guests of their aunt, Mrs. R. E. Noy in Wheeling.  
Prof. J. H. Patterson and daughter Miss Frances have returned from a visit at their home in Morgantown.  
Miss Elizabeth White has returned from Metz, where she was called by the death of her aunt, Mrs. Simon Watkins.  
Master James Huffman and Junior Dickey have returned from a visit with the former's grandfather at West Alexander, Pa.  
Miss Bettie Berry has returned to her school work here after a holiday visit at her home in Sutton.  
Miss Louise Wells, who spent a week with her parents here has returned to Mount De Chantal school, Wheeling.  
Mrs. Jennie Clayton and daughter were at Metz a few days ago where

Mrs. Mattie White has returned to her home in Gratton after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Hawkins.  
Miss Mary Mann of Fairmont spent the week end with friends in Manington.

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### Horses Wanted

I will be at Hix's livery barn, Manington, Friday, Jan. 10, to buy horses from 3 to 10 years old and weighing from 1100 to 1500 pounds.

B. L. WARNER

they attended the funeral of the former's aunt.

### Called Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell have been called here from Clinton Farm, Ohio, by the death of the former's father, Paul H. Campbell.

## HOULT

### Church News.

Attendance at the church and Sunday school was lighter than usual Sunday morning and Epworth League Sunday night, owing probably to the severe cold. The Pastor, Rev. L. A. McNemar appointed Jas. D. Bowman, class leader subject to confirmation of the quarterly conference, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. C. B. Satterfield, who has been leave of the class for twenty years. At Epworth League, Miss Edna Hoult was elected Secretary in place of Miss Ruth Hart, moved to Fairmont. The trustees of the church have procured and will install a hollow wire kerosene lighting system of three lights of 400 candle power each.

### Personals.

Miss Grace Morris spent the week end with Miss Mabel Gwinn, of Triune.

Messrs Dawson, Yoder and Tinsay Tennant spent Sunday at Pisgah church neighborhood in Monongalia county.

J. D. Bowman is confined at home with a severe attack of bronchitis. Mrs. Eta Johnson and son, Sylvester spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Anne Bailey, of Baxter.

Paul Satterfield of Weston has been appointed administrator of the estate of his father, C. B. Satterfield.

Albert Seaman No Longer a Deputy

Deputy Sheriff Albert Seaman is looking for a job. The deputy was hired by Sheriff Glover November 1, in anticipation of trouble on account of the dreaded coal strike, which did not materialize, but the round up of radicals made it necessary to have more help, so he was retained.

Mr. Seaman has proved himself to be a capable and efficient officer and made lots of friends while connected with the sheriff's force.

On December 14 he had an operation performed at Cook hospital, from which he was discharged about ten days ago, and from the effects of which he has not yet fully recovered.

Before going to the hospital Mr. Seaman was notified that the force would probably be reduced to the usual number about the first of the year, so the matter occasioned no surprise to him.

## Worthington

### Sunday in the Churches.

Rev. S. J. Satterfield, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, preached at 11:00 a. m., his topic being "Our Citizenship is in Heaven." Phil. 3:20. Rev. B. E. Hanes filled the pulpit of the Christian church both morning and evening. His sermon theme for the evening was "Christ's Hands."

### In Bad Health.

George G. Gurley, a well known resident of this section, has been in poor health for some time but is reported to be some better at this time. Several months since he met with an accident in the mines and has not been able to work since.

### Personals.

Misses Clarice and Mary Oakes attended Sunday school at Annabelle on Sunday.

Miss Mabel Hubanks, who spent her vacation visiting Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wright, returned to Wheeling on Sunday evening where she is a student in a business college.

Mrs. Arlie Barbe and daughter, Maxine and son, Marcus, were week end visitors with Mrs. Barbe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Mallan, near Manington.

J. W. Emerson, of Middleton, was a business visitor here on Saturday.

Miss Marie Nutter, of Fairmont, was a visitor in Worthington.

Mrs. Mae C. Merrifield, of near Wyatt, was attending to business here on Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Doty, of Middleton, was shopping in town on Monday.

W. B. Mallernee, of Monongalia, was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Elisha Brumage and son, Arch, returned on Monday from a visit to Mrs. Brumage's daughter, Mrs. E. P. Stewart at Clarksville, Pa. They also visited at Brownsville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mason and son, Gilbert, were week-end visitors with Mr. Mason's parents at Joetown, Manington district. They were accompanied by Mr. Mason's brother, Chas. Mason.

To the question as to what Christianity really is, put recently to men in the British army and navy, the answer was a general tone of vagueness in the replies. Most of the answers were materialistic, while the average man could not define Christianity.

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## RUFF STUFF

Better take a look through the printed stuff you have lying around.

Number of guys have been started on long journeys just because they happened to be caught with some "literature" that government bulls did not like.

There are signs that the school authorities are beginning to get tight in the matter of the pay of school teachers.

City superintendent of Pittsburgh got a raise last night and he now gets \$2,000 a year more than the governor of Pennsylvania.

But at that he probably has to work harder than the governor.

Three cases of real whiskey captured here yesterday according to the venacious public prints.

Evidently there is no need of drinking the poison kind if you only take the trouble to hunt up the right merchant.

The court house cry baby has cut loose again.

Down in Huntington where the city authorities have pulled the blue laws,

on the people it was necessary on Sunday for a sick woman who needed lemons to get a physician's prescription before she could obtain them.

But it is dollars to doughnuts that if she had needed Kentucky red eye it could have been purchased on the streets without much trouble.

Yet there are people who wonder why municipal government is held in such small respect in this country.

If we could cut out the four flushing and the grand standing American cities inside of three months could be put upon a plane which would make them superior in the matter of business efficiency to the towns of Germany and equal to the cities of England in the matter of law enforcement.

But the kind of men who could do that would not get very far in American local politics.

And truth to tell the improved conditions if they came would not make much of a hit with the public.

The little village of Karzok, in Kashgar, India, is believed to be the highest in the world. Its altitude is 14,946 feet.

When a man in Denmark is found so drunk as to require medical attention, the doctor's bill must be paid by the proprietor of the tavern where the inebriate obtained his last drink.

## MANNINGTON

### Retires After Long Service.

George T. Weible of Dancer avenue this city has retired from the service of the Bureka Pipe Line Company after having been employed by that company for nearly forty years. Mr. Weible was an oil gauger and has been a resident of this city for twenty five years. His resignation took effect the first of the year, but he will continue to receive full pay for the following four months, and will be placed on the company's pension list.

### Mrs. Hawkins Moore Dies.

Martha Jane Moore, daughter of John and Elizabeth Moore was born Feb. 24th, 1862 and died December 30, 1919, aged fifty seven years, 10 months and six days. She was married to Simon N. Hawkins in 1879. To this union were born two children, John Henry and Mrs. John Smith, both of whom are living. She was converted and joined the Methodist church at Union when about sixteen years of age and continued a member of the same church until called away. Her death came as a great shock to her family as she had been ill but a week of pneumonia, and failed rapidly until the end came. The remains were laid to rest in the Arnett cemetery on Campbell Run. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Stephen White of Wadestown.